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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

--1. (Currently Amended) A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on [[a]] an open communication network, comprising the steps of:

detecting copyrighted work data in communication data uploaded from a client on the open communication network to a server or downloaded from the server to the client;

determining whether a user of the client or the server has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

prohibiting the communication data from being uploaded to the server or downloaded from the server in response to a determined result of the determining step.

--2. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the copyright owner is notified that the user has not performed the copyright licensing

process for the copyrighted work data.

--3. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the user is prompted for performing the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--4. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 1,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, program data for causing the copyrighted work data to be prohibited from being transmitted is transmitted to the client.

--5. (Currently Amended) A copyrighted work managing apparatus for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on [[a]] an open communication network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting copyrighted work data in communication data uploaded from a client on the open communication

network to a server or downloaded from the server to the client;

determining means for determining whether a user of the client or the server has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected by said detecting means in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

transmission prohibiting means for prohibiting the communication data from being uploaded to the server or downloaded from the server in response to a determined result of said determining means.

--6. (Currently Amended) A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on [[a]] an open communication network, comprising the steps of:

detecting copyrighted work data in communication data uploaded from a client on the open communication network to a server or downloaded from the server to the client;

determining whether a user of the client or the server has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

notifying the user that he or she has not performed the copyright licensing process in response to the determined result at the determining step.

--7. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 6,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the copyright owner is notified that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--8. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 6,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the communication data is prohibited from being transmitted.

--9. (Original) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 8,

wherein program data for prohibiting the copyrighted work data from being transmitted is transmitted to the client so as to prohibit the communication data from being transmitted.

--10. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing

method as set forth in claim 6,

wherein when the determined result at the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the communication data for transmitting the copyrighted work data is destroyed.

--11. (Original) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 10,

wherein program data for causing the communication data for transmitting the copyrighted work data to be destroyed is transmitted to the client so as to destroy the communication data.

--12. (Currently Amended) A copyrighted work managing apparatus for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on [[a]] an open communication network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting copyrighted work data in communication data uploaded from a client on the open communication network to a server or downloaded from the server to the client;

determining means for determining whether a user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected by said detecting means in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

notifying means for notifying the user that he or she has not

performed the copyright licensing process in response to the determined result of said determining means.

--13. (Currently Amended) A copyrighted work managing method for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on [[a]] an open communication network, comprising the steps of:

detecting copyrighted work data in communication data uploaded from a client on the open communication network to a server or downloaded from the server to the client;

determining whether a user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected at the detecting step in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

destroying the communication data in response to the determined result at the determining step.

--14. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 13,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the copyright owner is notified that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--15. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 13,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, the user is prompted for performing the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data.

--16. (Previously Presented) The copyrighted work managing method as set forth in claim 13,

wherein when the determined result of the determining step represents that the user has not performed the copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data, program data for causing the communication data for transmitting the copyrighted work data to be destroyed is transmitted to the client.

--17. (Currently Amended) A copyrighted work managing apparatus for managing copyrighted work data transmitted on [[a]] an open communication network, comprising:

detecting means for detecting copyrighted work data in communication data uploaded from a client on the open communication network to a server or downloaded from the server to the client;

determining means for determining whether the user has performed a copyright licensing process for the copyrighted work data detected by said detecting means in favor of a copyright owner of the copyrighted work data; and

destroying means for destroying the communication data in response to the determined result of said determining means.